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Park Foundation Receives Grant for Trail Maps

The Fairfax County Park Foundation has received a national grant from the Kodak American Greenways Awards program. The grant will be used to produce trail maps to assist trail users as they navigate the woods along local streams. In addition to receiving the grant award, the Fairfax County Park Foundation will be showcased as a national model for its innovative efforts.

Since 1992, the Kodak American Greenways Awards—administered by The Conservation Fund, a recognized leader in working with local communities to expand the nation's network of linked open spaces—has provided more than 630 seed grants to nonprofit organizations and government agencies to help develop new greenway projects. The awards provide initial funding to spark creativity in conservation, outdoor recreation and trail and greenway development. To date, the program has distributed roughly \$764,000.

The Fairfax County Park Foundation is one of 31 groups nationwide honored for their innovative efforts to make trails more useable.

"We are grateful for the support of trail groups such as the Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts, Hunters Valley Riding Club, Fairfax4Horses, Fairfax Trails & Streams, and the Potomac River Greenways Coalition, who supported our grant application," said Robert Brennan, executive director of the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

The Kodak American Greenways Awards are made possible through the generous support of the Eastman Kodak Company. The Conservation Fund is the nation's foremost environmental nonprofit dedicated to protecting America's land and water legacy for current and future generations. Seeking innovative conservation solutions for the 21st century, the Fund works to integrate economic and environmental goals.

For more information about trails in Fairfax County visit the Park Authority website at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/trailsframe.htm or contact Trails Coordinator Jenny Pate at 703-324-8726.

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